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Revised text submitted by the Chairman

Managing fragile ecosystems: combating desertification and drought

(Section II, Chapter 4 of Agenda 21)

Corrigendum

1. Throughout the text, for monitoring substitute systematic observation.

2. Paragraph 8 (b)

   For Strengthen national and provincial/local assessment, read Strengthen national, state/provincial and local assessment.

3. Paragraph 16 should read

   16. Desertification affects about 3.6 billion hectares, which is about 70 per cent of the total area of the world's drylands or nearly one quarter of the global land area. In combating desertification on rangelands, rainfed cropland and irrigated land preventative measures should be launched in areas which are not yet affected or are only slightly affected by desertification; corrective measures should be implemented to sustain the productivity of moderately desertified land; and rehabilitative measures should be taken to recover severely or very severely desertified drylands.

4. Paragraph 19 (b)

For bearing in mind that such measures could increase CO_2 sinks read bearing in mind the multiple benefits of such measures.

5. Paragraph 19 (h) should read

(h) Promote the development and use of sources of energy which will lessen pressure on ligneous resources, including alternative sources of energy and improved stoves.

6. Paragraph 20 (a)

For Develop land-use models based on local practices for the improvement of local practices read Develop land-use models based on local practices for the improvement of such practices.

7. Paragraph 41

For adoption of an international convention to combat desertification, particularly in Africa read adoption of an international convention to combat desertification in all affected areas of the world, particularly in Africa.